

Pascoe Vale North Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our front office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Pascoe Vale North's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Pascoe Vale North's (PVN) School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

General appearance

School uniform is prescribed and required to be worn unless otherwise specified (e.g. School approved 'Out of Uniform Days'). While at school, traveling to or from school or participating in school activities, Pascoe Vale North Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Students are expected to wear a combination of the uniform items set out in Appendix A
- Parents may purchase uniform items from the school or from local department stores.
- Parents experiencing financial hardship are urged to see the Principal/Assistant Principal or Wellbeing Leader.

- Parents will notify the school either verbally or in writing if children are not able to attend school in full school uniform.
- Students not wearing full school uniform will receive an 'Out of School Uniform' notice.
- The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- Exceptions to the uniform requirements due to a student's specific circumstances may be approved by the Principal on a case by case basis.
- School Council requires the principal to implement the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Allowable jewellery is studs, sleepers, necklaces and bracelet can be worn.
- Students are not permitted to wear make-up or lipstick.

Health and Safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- In Term 1 and Term 4, as part of the Sun Smart policy, students will wear a navy hat that meets SunSmart standards. Hats that do not shade the forehead, ears and back of the neck are not Sun Smart, therefore must not be worn.
- Students may wear the official school hat at any time throughout the year.
- Students may also wear the official school beanie or scarf although this is not compulsory.
- When representing the school on excursions and during sporting activities, full school uniform must be worn, including a school hat between September and April.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly via the school's uniform company, State School Relief. Pascoe Vale North Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Orders can be placed by emailing narelle.barassi@education.vic.gov.au

Support for families experiencing difficulty

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

PVN will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and our newsletter in Term 1. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

PVN welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Complaint Policy*, available on our website and on COMPASS.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website
- reminders in our school newsletter
- discussed in student forums
- included in staff handbook/manual
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- PVN Sun Protection Policy
- PVN Complaint Policy
- PVN Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- PVN Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- surveys
- information in newsletters
- student meetings
- focus groups e.g. School Council meetings
- information on COMPASS

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Policy last reviewed	19/9/25
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September 2029

APPENDIX A: PASCOE VALE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season. Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform.

UNIFORM ITEMS
Navy track pants or trousers in Years Prep to 4. Students in Year 5/6 can also wear Black bottoms. Navy shorts, skirts and skorts of an acceptable length (an acceptable length is long enough to reach the fingertips when arms are hung loosely along the body). Students in Year 5/6 can wear Black bottoms. Red t-shirt /red polo shirt /red skivvy Red windcheater, (no hood) / official Grade 6 outerwear Official school bomber jacket School summer dress Bike shorts can be worn under the summer dress and under netball skirts. Bike shorts worn by themselves are not acceptable.
OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS/ACCESSORIES
Winter Jacket Hijabs or accessories such as headbands (plain red, blue, black or white).
FOOTWEAR
Appropriate footwear is to be worn including: ● Closed shoes ● Runners ● No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.